

**From:** Jenn Stebbings  
**To:** [Pongkhamsing, Chan](mailto:Pongkhamsing.Chan@epa.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Wetland plugs for Upper Clear Creek  
**Date:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 4:00:27 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Excellent! I will add this email to our records.

Thank you so much!

-Jenn

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**From:** Pongkhamsing, Chan [mailto:[Pongkhamsing.Chan@epa.gov](mailto:Pongkhamsing.Chan@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 11:21 AM  
**To:** Jenn Stebbings <[jstebbing@portoftacoma.com](mailto:jstebbing@portoftacoma.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Wetland plugs for Upper Clear Creek

Hi Jenn,

Mary Anne may continue to be out of the office all week, so I can't get her feedback. Regardless, I do not see any issues of adding these plants to the UCCMS if you believe introduction of potential invasives within the clumps is not an issue. Therefore, I am approving the planting of these sedges and bulrushes in the UCCMS site. Feel free to document this email as official approval.

Respectfully,



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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 4:42 PM  
**To:** Pongkhamsing, Chan <[Pongkhamsing.Chan@epa.gov](mailto:Pongkhamsing.Chan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Wetland plugs for Upper Clear Creek

Hi Chan,

That's a good question. My estimated guess is "no", because they are located in trays at a nursery designated for JBLM, but I can double check. My assumption is this question also applies to the slough sedge and the hardstem sedge.

I have already committed to the plants. Now I just need to know if I can plant them at UCCMS or will find another habitat site to plant them in, so there is no big hurry to hear back from Mary Anne.

Next week is just fine for my schedule.

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly!

-Jenn

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**Subject:** RE: Wetland plugs for Upper Clear Creek

Jenn,

If you need a tentative answer in order to commit to JBLM or not... I think it would be a yes, but I just need to consult with Mary Anne. I have a feeling she'll have some questions like, does the current location of the softstem bulrushes have invasive plant species within or around it? Seed bank questions about soils within the bulrush clumps.

Respectfully,



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Okay, sounds good. Thank you for checking!

-Jenn

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**To:** Jenn Stebbings <[jstebbing@portoftacoma.com](mailto:jstebbing@portoftacoma.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Wetland plugs for Upper Clear Creek

Hi Jenn,

I am checking with our wetland ecologist, Mary Anne Thiesing, before approving this. She's currently out of the office for the week, but expected to return next week if not sooner.

Respectfully,



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**From:** Jenn Stebbings [<mailto:jstebbing@portoftacoma.com>]

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**To:** Pongkhamsing, Chan <[Pongkhamsing.Chan@epa.gov](mailto:Pongkhamsing.Chan@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Wetland plugs for Upper Clear Creek

Good Afternoon Chan,

The Port has the opportunity to obtain some free wetland plugs from Joint Base Lewis-McChord and I want to touch base with you before committing to plant them at UCCMS. Two of the species are already approved for planting at the site (slough sedge and hardstem bulrush); however, the third is not part of the original or revised planting plans for the site (softstem bulrush). Softstem bulrush (*Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*) is native to the area and will provide additional species diversity for the site. If you approve of this additional species I will formalize it in a letter to make sure it is part of the permanent record. If not, then I will try to find another site to plant it. I have to pick up the plants next week so if you could respond with a tentative yes or no, I would really appreciate it.

Thank you so much in advance!

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